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AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as described below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 -11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (currently amended): A pharmaceutical composition for use as an inhibitor of membrane expression of a benzodiazepine receptor, an inhibitor of glucocorticoid release, or as an elevator of ACTH levels in a patient secreting a high level of one or more glucocorticoids suffering from Cushing's syndrome, stress-induced hypercortisolism or brain aging, said composition comprising an effective amount of a physiologically tolerable ginkgolide together with at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient, wherein said ginkgolide is comprises a compound according to formula I: